

Budget : For 1976-77 a sum of Rs. 16,61,728 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs. 20,53,000 on the non plan side. There was no provision made on the plan side. For 1977-78 a provision of Rs. 14,44,000 is made on the non plan side.

Building : The construction of additional building sanctioned by the Government for accommodating the vaccum fumigation chamber and Lamination machine imported from U.S.A. has since been completed.

Record Management : There was no progress in this regard.

Research and Reference : 134 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities, 41,980 records by government agencies and 14,981 records by research scholars were requisitioned, 944 queries from private agencies were attended to.

Reference Media : The proposal for the preparation of reference media has been approved by the government and this is expected to be put through during this year.

Publication Programme : Indexes of Public and Judicial Departments, 1900—47 (the period earmarked for the publication of Select Documents) were examined. The papers on the subject "Neill Statue Satyagraha" were examined and selected for publication. Another subject 'Tinnevely Conspiracy, Tinnevely Riots and Ashe Murder Case' has also been selected for publication.

Preservation of Records : During the period under review 1,42,061 sheets were repaired, 1,41,559 sheets were guarded and 2,640 volum books and registers were bound.

Photo-Duplication : The State Archives has no microfilming units of its own.

Library : 621 books were acquired during the year under reference.

Other Activities : The Council of Historical Research for Tamil Nadu was reconstituted in June, 1976 by the Government of Tamil Nadu. A meeting of the reconstituted Council was held in November, 1976.

TAMIL NADU

1977-78

Administration : Consequent on the transfer of Thiru M. K. Gome-thagavelu, I.A.S. Thiru A. N. Natarajan, I.A.S. assumed charge as Commissioner of Archives and Historical Research, Tamil Nadu Archives on 12th December, 1977 and continued to hold the post during the period under report. Thiru S. Singarajan, M.A.M. Litt., continued to be the Director of Archives and Thiru Valaragal V. Kunhikannan Nair and T. S. Visvesan, continued to be the Assistant Directors of Archives. A separate establishment for separation of records relating to Andhra Pradesh was formed in March 1978.

A proposal for the installation of a microfilm unit in Archives was submitted to government which is under consideration. Proposals for the Sixth Five-Year Plan schemes, relating to the construction of a separate building for Archives Library and a Regional Repository at Madurai and the staff requirements for the Regional Repository were submitted to the Government.

Budget : For 1977-78 a sum of Rs. 13,85,000 was spent out of the budget allocations of Rs. 16,64,000 on non-plan side. There was no provision made on the plan side. For 1978-79 a provision of Rs. 16,20,000 has been made on non plan-side.

Records Management : No remarks to offer.

Research and Reference : 192 research scholars availed themselves of the research facilities provided by the Department. 1,10,257 records were requisitioned by government agencies and 17,840 by research scholars, 857 queries from private agencies and individuals were attended to.

Reference Media : The proposal for the preparation of reference media such as catalogues, indexes etc., has been approved by Government and is expected to be put through during next year.

Publication Programme : The Publication Cell has been functioning in Tamil Nadu Archives from 12th November, 1976. The documents pertaining to the first half of 20th century have been taken up for selected publication.

The Transfer of Power : 1942—47, published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office, London, has been taken as a model, not only in selecting records but also in the mode of presentation to facilitate reference to records. The selection of documents on (i) The Thinnevelly Riot, Conspiracy and Ashe Murder (ii) The Neill Statue Satyagrah (iii) The Legal Remembrancer and (iv) The Bar Council of India has been completed and are awaiting final scrutiny while material on (i) The Sheriff of Madras (ii) The Employment of Children in Factories (iii) The Constitution of 'Nidhis' and (iv) The Madras Discharged Prisoner Aid Society, has been collected. The material on the following subject is being collected (i) The Non-Brahamin Movement, (ii) The Madras Vigilance Association, (iii) The Seditious Articles, Speeches etc, by Political Personalities, (iv) The change of names of Towns, Roads, Streets, etc. (v) The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (vi) The Establishment of Ultimate Court of Appeal in India and (vii) The Civil Disobedience Movements.

Preservation of Records : During 1977-78 2,361 sheets were flattened, 3,375 sheets repaired with tissue paper, 66,589 sheets with chiffon and 3,375 sheets with acetate foil. 62,694 sheets were guarded and 1,446 registers and volumes were bound.

Library : 587 books were acquired. The question of appointing a librarian and supporting staff was under consideration. A proposal for the construction of a separate building for Archives Library has been sent to government for inclusion in the Sixth Five-Year Plan.

Other Activities : It is proposed to hold 'Archives Week' in August, 1978.

UTTAR PRADESH

1976-77

Administration : The Office of the Uttar Pradesh State Archives is under the administrative control of the department of Cultural Affairs, Uttar Pradesh Government. The building for the Regional Archives, Nainital, is now available and this office will start functioning soon.